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To: Briskin, Jeanne [Briskin.Jeanne@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Administrator Conversation Talking Points

Yes! It is and they had a great meeting. Thank you again for your help.

Happy to chat. I have time on Friday if you have a window. Thanks again for your help

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 9, 2022, at 4:44 PM, Briskin, Jeanne <Briskin.Jeanne@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Kendra,

Just saw this post, and curious if this is the meeting we helped you staff?

We have been talking with Janet McCabe and Alethea Harney about activities beginning this April to have EPA recognize the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Executive Order 13045 on Children's Environmental Health. OPA expressed an interest in identifying a celebrity who might be a good person to engage with the administrator, so we have been quietly looking around.

Perhaps we should chat?

Thanks Jeanne

### Jeanne Briskin

Director, Office of Children's Health Protection U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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From: Han, Kaythi < Han. Kaythi@epa.gov> Sent: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 4:16 PM

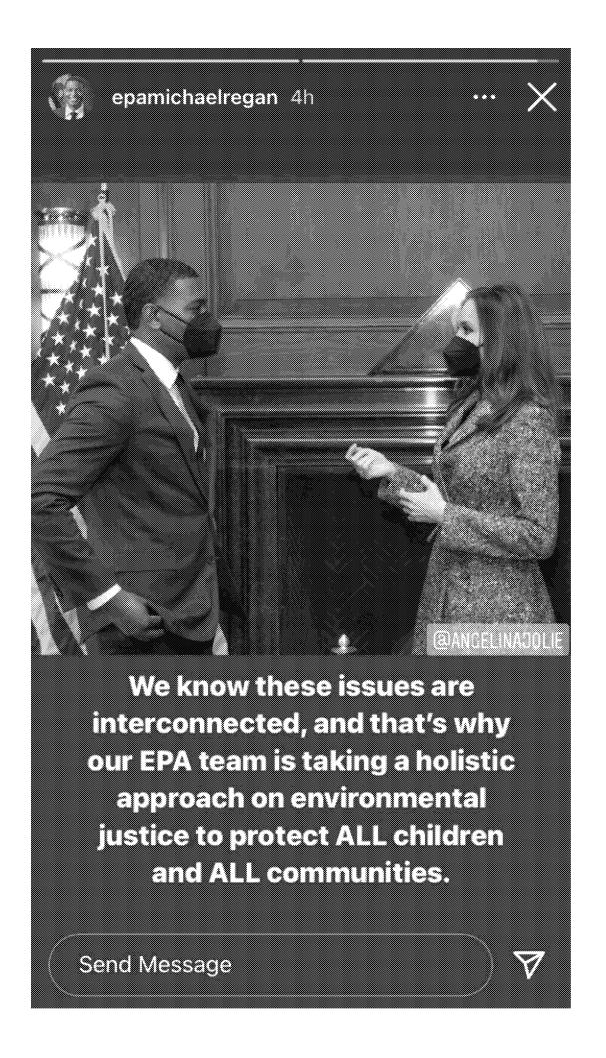
To: Dzubow, Rebecca <Dzubow.Rebecca@epa.gov>; Briskin, Jeanne <Briskin.Jeanne@epa.gov>

Cc: Robiou, Grace < Robiou. Grace@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Administrator Conversation Talking Points







From: Briskin, Jeanne

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 8, 2022 2:09 PM **To:** Lucey, John < <u>Lucey John D@epa.gov</u>>

Cc: Lamy, Kendra <Lamy.Kendra@epa.gov>; Han, Kaythi <Han.Kaythi@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Administrator Conversation Talking Points

Hi John,

We're happy to pull together some information (bullets?) you can use for talking points. I've copied Kaythi Han, the director of our Program Implementation and Coordination Division and our communications director.

Is the administrator's conversation a one on one or before a larger audience? Is it a specifically focused audience (EJ, climate, a particular community, other?)

That will help us select key points for your consideration.

Best, Jeanne

#### Jeanne Briskin

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To: Briskin, Jeanne < Briskin. Jeanne@epa.gov > Cc: Lamy, Kendra < Lamy. Kendra@epa.gov >

Subject: Administrator Conversation Talking Points

Hi Jeanne,

Hope this finds you well! I've copied my colleague here, Kendra Lamy, who serves as a Senior Advisor to the Administrator. We're pulling together a memo and talking points for a conversation the Administrator will be having tomorrow.

One of the main focuses we're hoping to flesh out for him a bit focuses on children's health, particularly how we as an agency are taking proactive steps on pollutants that can significantly affect their health or development. The first thing that comes to mind is around our efforts on lead in drinking water, but we were hopeful to work with you to flesh out a few talking points on that and anything further you can identify that fits that frame (MATs, PFAs, perhaps?).

This convo has been added a bit last minute so we are on a tight timeframe to turn around materials. Could you, or someone on your team, work with Kendra?

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Thank you Jane Rosemary is also on this chain and would love to keep in touch. Yesterday was a good day for you all. Congrats! Kendra		
Kendra Lamy Senior Advisor U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Cell: 202-617-5586		
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Dear Hannah, It was wonderful to meet Administrator Regan and the remarkable team today. We're grateful for the photos and look forward to continuing the conversations and work. All my best, Jane		
On Wed, Feb 9, 2022 at 12:23 PM Flom, Hannah < <u>Flom.Hannah@epa.gov</u> > wrote: Hi Jane,		
Please find attached photos from today's meeting with Administrator Regan and Angelina Jolie. The Administrator <a href="tweeted">tweeted</a> about their visit, and will also be sharing on Instagram.		
Please let us	know if you need anything else here. Thank you!	
Hannah		

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John [Lucey.John.D@epa.gov]

**Subject**: RE: Meeting Memo: Angelina Jolie

Its totally something they should discuss

**From:** Cassady, Alison <Cassady.Alison@epa.gov> **Sent:** Wednesday, February 9, 2022 8:54 AM **To:** Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>

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<Morgan.Ashley.M@epa.gov>; Lucey, John <Lucey.John.D@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: Meeting Memo: Angelina Jolie

If helpful, I just found a couple of articles talking about how climate change fuels violence against women.

https://www.undp.org/blog/why-climate-change-fuels-violence-against-women

https://unfccc.int/news/climate-change-increases-the-risk-of-violence-against-women

Alison L. Cassady (202) 941-6036

On Feb 9, 2022, at 7:43 AM, Lance, Kathleen < Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov > wrote:

Attached.

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Subject: FW: Photos from Angelina Jolie EPA meeting

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#### Thank you again

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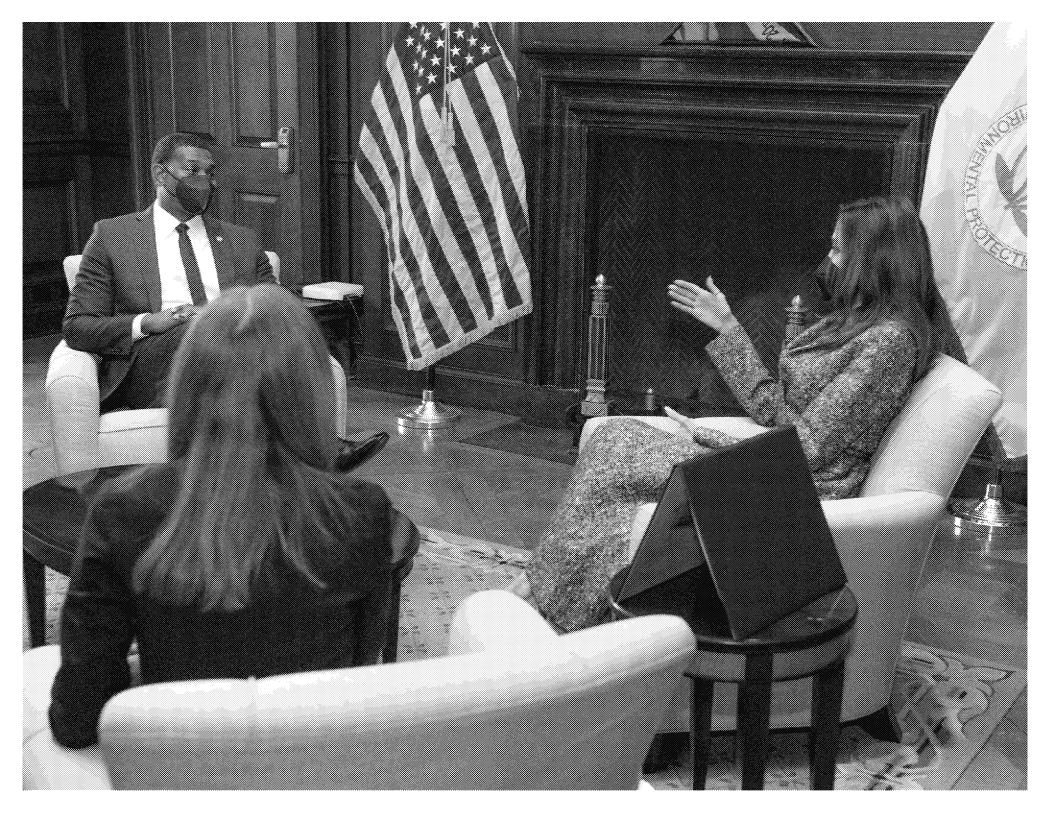
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**APPROVED BY: Kendra Lamy** 

### **MEETING MEMO**

February 8, 2022

### MEMORANDUM FOR THE ADMINISTRATOR

FROM: Kendra Lamy; 202.202.617.5586; lamy.kendra@epa.gov

CC: Rosemary Enobakhare and Alison Cassady

**CONTACT:** 

EVENT DATE: February 9, 2022

TIME: 11:00am

SUBJECT: Meeting with Angelina Jolie, Zahara and Jane Stover

STAFFING: Kendra Lamy, Rosemary Enobakhare and Alison Cassady

### **PURPOSE OF MEETING**

The purpose of this meeting with Ms. Jolie is to discuss environmental justice and how issues like, economic stressors, environmental justice, education and health are all interconnected and can all exacerbate domestic violence. In addition, Ms. Jolie is a fierce advocate for climate change and will likely raise that there have been links to climate change and increased violence against women and girls. She is on town to join Senators to introduce the Violence Against Women's Act. She is meeting with Senator Durbin, Congresswoman Clark and Susan Rice to talk about these issues.

YOU may also use this meeting to talk about how many pesticides are harming bees and other pollinators as she recently had a photoshoot where she was covered in bees to raise awareness on the issue of the importance of pollinators.

### **BACKGROUND**

Angelina Jolie is an internationally respected humanitarian who has advocated for children's rights and voices globally for decades. She has worked on issues such as

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climate change, how climate change will worsen the effects of refugees and penned opeds pleading for action on the issue of climate change.

Her goal is to raise public awareness about the systemic failures' survivors of domestic violence and how health and education issues are all interconnected and can lead to worsening. She wants to advocate for policy changes to positively improve outcomes for families. She is also very interested in the issue of bruising detection across skin tones.

## **OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

Recently the actress posed for National Geographic to raise awareness for World Bee Day on May 20. She covered herself in bees for the photo. Jolie wore a white, sustainable dress designed by Gabriela Hearst while a bundle of bees swarmed her body.

The U.N. established World Bee Day to raise awareness about the extinction threat bees face around the world. Extinction rates for bees are 100 to 1,000 times higher than normal rates, according to the U.N. website.

### SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS

Top-line

- EJ issues are complex and multi-dimensional. They are rooted in historic systems of racism, classism, and oppression.
  - Environmental justice and equity are at the heart of our work to tackle climate change, to protect our air and water, and to keep the places our children learn and play safe from environmental hazard and harm.
- I have prioritized the health of children. For example, Black children in America currently face asthma rates twice as high as white children, and their development is greatly impacted by exposure to contaminants including lead in their drinking water. Lead and mercury exposure can lead to long term health and developmental effects.
- For decades, Black, Indigenous, Latino and other people of color have borne the highest burden of pollution. They live closest to highways, refineries, and toxic waste sites. They face higher rates of heart, lung disease, and now COVID-19 too. And their children are more likely to develop asthma and developmental disorders.
- I've been traveling the country to hear directly from communities affected by pollution. I've talked to moms in Jackson, Mississippi whose children have been exposed to lead in drinking water. I've talked to families in Detroit whose basement was flooded with raw sewage. I've sat on the porch with families in the deep South who have been shut out of government funding their whole lives.

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- As a father of a young son myself, it's heartbreaking to see. We all want to give our children a happy home life, the chance to chase their dreams but when so many are denied basic rights like safe drinking water or clean air to breathe it makes a hard job that much more difficult.
- During my recent Journey to Justice tour, I saw and heard firsthand the range of systemic barriers that low-income and people of color face in accessing federal infrastructure funding.

### Lead

### Health Effects:

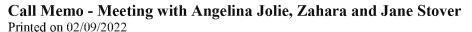
- Starting in 1973, EPA began phasing lead out of gasoline. 18-20 years later, crime among young men in New York City declined showing a relationship between lower exposures to lead and reduced behavioral issues.
- Poor families are less able to make up for the harms caused by exposure to lead, for example:
  - Parents may have to miss work to deal with problems their student experiences at school with discipline or performance
  - Parents may not be available to monitor child's homework completion or communicate and advocate for their student with teachers
  - o Parent may be less available to learn about and advocate for adequate supports to be provided by the school such as effective provision and implementation of 504 plans and Individual Educational Plans (IEPs) for children with disabilities or to step in and provide those supports independently through tutoring or therapy which may be cost-prohibitive
- COVID has contributed to reduced blood lead level screening of young children, causing more elevated blood lead cases to slip through the cracks and miss early important interventions to reduce blood lead levels, decrease lead exposure and improve children's educational and psychological development.

# Mercury

### Health effects:

• Like lead, mercury is a neurotoxin. It can harm fetal and infant brains and nervous systems, resulting in harm to IQ, thinking, memory, attention, language, fine motor skills and visual spatial skills. Metallic mercury can cause emotional

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changes like mood swings, irritability, nervousness, excessive shyness, insomnia, harm to mental functioning.

### **Asthma**

### Health Effects and Impacts

- Education/earnings
  - Children below the poverty level have more emergency department visits, missed school days and hospitalizations.
  - They tend to lag on key milestones, such as reading which can snowball to reduced overall performance in school compared to children without asthma.
  - Students who are chronically absent in preschool, kindergarten and first grade are much less likely to read at grade level by third grade, which makes them 4 times more likely to drop out of high school than proficient readers.
  - Less education leads to lower paying jobs after school is completed.
  - Parents incur lost wages to take care of sick children and medical costs for doctor's visits, medicine, and hospital visits. Poor families are less likely to be able to afford to access and pay for needed medical care.
- Asthma disproportionately affects children from lower-income families and children from various racial and ethnic groups. 10.5% of children living in poverty suffer from asthma.
- Black children with asthma die at 4 times the rate of white children
- 15.7% of black, non-Hispanic children have asthma compared to 7.1% of white non-Hispanic children (2018)
- Differences in rates of asthma between black children and white children have not been reduced despite years of attention to asthma triggers and indoor and outdoor air pollution
- Life expectancies differ by 6 to 7 years for mothers in counties and zip codes only a few miles apart (For example: 84 years Montgomery County Maryland and Fairfax County VA compared to 77 years in Washington DC)
- Discrimination and disinvestment have isolated Blacks in unhealthy neighborhoods
  - Redlining
  - Exclusionary zoning laws
  - Racially restrictive covenants
  - Increased industrial and highway construction in Black communities
- EPA Actions to Address Asthma Disparities

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- EPA is working with HHS and other federal agencies to reduce asthma disparities. This interagency group works to
- EPA is looking at reducing allowable outdoor air pollution levels, such as PM, ozone and is considering community status (EJ factors) in evaluating state implementation plans to meet the federal standards to help level the playing field
- EPA is reducing diesel emissions by offering rebates on school bus rebates to replace older highly polluting diesel school buses to improve air quality around schools and communities, reduce pollution and better protect children's overall health.

## **ADDITIONAL MATERIALS: POLLINATORS**

- Pollinator protection is a priority for EPA, as pollinator species are important providers of ecosystem services and successful food production.
- The EPA has taken an active role in multiple efforts to promote and increase pollinator protection through regulatory actions, voluntary changes to pesticide use by registrants, and research programs aimed at better understanding the factors associated with declining pollinator health.
- To ensure that EPA has a well-informed understanding of the potential factors and risks that pesticides may pose to bees, the agency has worked collaboratively with our regulatory counterparts and researchers internationally to develop a pollinator risk assessment framework that evaluates all life stages of bees across varying life stages of bees and inclusive of different levels of organization.
- One of the first actions in my tenure as Administrator was to tackle this issue head on cancelling the use of pesticides that used the chemical dicamba. Not only were uses negatively impacting the health of many farm workers, we saw significant declines of pollinator populations when this spray was used.
- Proposed mitigation efforts for pesticides include promoting voluntary stewardship efforts to encourage best practices, education, and outreach to applicators and beekeepers.
- Just in the last few years, the EPA announced and implemented a policy that all chemicals that are acutely toxic to pollinators and are labeled for use on crops that may use contract pollination services, should have applications at bloom prohibited if the application rates exceed the EPA's level of concern.
- In addition, EPA is working with the states and tribes on managed pollinator protection plans that are intended to increase communication and cooperation between stakeholders to reduce exposure of bees to pesticides.

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### **BIOGRAPHIES**



### Angelina Jolie, Actor and Activist

Angelina Jolie is a well-known award-winning actress, humanitarian and UN Goodwill Ambassador. She catapulted to fame as American supermodel, Gia Carangi, in the HBO blockbuster biographical film, 'Gia'. After her stellar performance in 'Girl, Interrupted' and the commercial blockbuster, 'Lara Croft: Tomb Raider', she devoted her time and attention towards humanitarian efforts. She travelled to war-

torn parts of Cambodia and Darfur and worked with refugees and others in need of help. Forbes Magazine voted her as one of the 'highest-paid actresses' with an estimated net worth of over \$ 120 million. She has received a lot of media attention after being voted as the 'most beautiful woman' by many magazines like 'Vogue', 'Esquire', 'Vanity Fair' and 'Hello'. She has become one of the best-known celebrities in the world today, getting immense media attention for her relationship with actor, Brad Pitt and her large family of multi-ethic children. In addition to her adopted kids, she also has three biological children with Brad Pitt. Recently she wrote and published a book with National Geographics called: Know Your Rights and Claim them. Its goal is to educate young activists.

### Jane Stoever



A faculty member at the University of California, Irvine School of Law, Professor Jane Stover has extensive experience teaching domestic violence clinics and engaging in scholarship in the areas of domestic violence law, family law, feminist legal theory, and clinical legal theory. As the Director of the Domestic Violence Clinic, Professor Stoever and her students represent abuse survivors in civil, criminal, and immigration cases and engage in community education and policy advocacy. Professor Stoever is also the Director of the Initiative to End Family Violence, which unites faculty from 20 departments at UCI and community partners in research and

clinical interventions in family violence.

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Angelina Jolie: Climate Change Is Already Displacing Millions of People. It's Our Responsibility to Help Them

SEPTEMBER 12, 2019 7:15 AM EDT

The technological sophistication of modern life masks a simple reality: we all need oxygen, water and food to survive. But the divide between those who have the resources they need to exist and those who don't only continues to grow. And with the growing specter of climate change, people who live in vulnerable regions like Oceania—the countries and territories within the southwest Pacific Ocean—face the loss of their livelihoods, homes and future.

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If unchecked, climate change and environmental degradation have the potential to exacerbate global displacement beyond anything humanity has ever experienced, with low-income countries and fragile states set to bear the brunt of the impact. According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, a [HYPERLINK "https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ipcc.ch%2Fworking-

group%2Fwg2%2F%3Fidp%3D57&data=04%7C01%7CLamy.Kendra%40epa.gov%7Cf175320 76bb8438b523408d9eb3e126a%7C88b378b367484867acf976aacbeca6a7%7C0%7C0%7C6377 99474093264964%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2lu MzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=a69FWrtbGTDJlXS3ZIcKHvv %2Bufoz1DgT6l9qEHzLI5o%3D&reserved=0" \t "\_blank" ] could cause Bangladesh to lose an estimated 17.5% of its land. A similar rise in sea level could put 3 million people in northern Nigeria at risk of displacement. How are we preparing for this? Better still, how are we working to prevent it?

More than 40 million people live in Oceania. In 2018, the region—which spans Australia and the islands that make up Micronesia, Polynesia and Melanesia—had

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From my experiences meeting refugees all around the world, whenever people are displaced, their first instinct is to seek a practical local solution inside their own country. Only when that is not sustainable do they usually cross a border. And even then, they tend to remain in their region.

About 80% of all refugees—people who have fled conflict or persecution in their countries—are living in nations neighboring their nations of origin. Fewer than 1% of refugees are permanently resettled in foreign countries.

The majority of refugees I have met want to return home and resume their lives. But what if there is no longer a home to go back to? What if your home is underwater? If the island where your family and people have lived for centuries has sunk under the rising oceans? Whom do you turn to for help? What happens to your culture, your livelihood, your citizenship and your country's continued existence as a nation-state?

We are at a unique moment in history. As deserts advance, forests are felled, sea levels rise, and extreme weather events become more frequent and more destructive, we have a small window to identify the danger and work to bring order to chaos. There is a lot we can do to avert or help mitigate the worst-case scenarios: reduce emissions, and help countries adapt or prepare so people are not forced to leave their homes because of sudden disasters or slow-onset climate crises.

The United States should have a vital interest in helping to develop solutions. Our security is affected by global instability. And we have invested for generations

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in the development of poorer nations. Instead, the U.S. has declared its intention to [HYPERLINK

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And in many countries, long-standing commitments to the legal rights and protection of refugees are being called into question. Climate-change effects increasingly interact with drivers of conflict, exacerbating refugee situations in countries like Chad, Sudan and Somalia. In such situations, refugee-law frameworks may apply. But ignoring our legal responsibilities toward refugees will only deepen human suffering and heighten global displacement. The new Global Compact on Refugees, adopted this year by the U.N. General Assembly, puts forward new international arrangements for sharing responsibility for refugees.

International cooperation will also be key to preventing, mitigating and resolving climate-related displacement. Many people displaced by climate change do not qualify as refugees, but how they are treated will affect the future stability of the world.

Tuvalu has called for a U.N. resolution to create a legal framework to protect the human rights and lives of migrants displaced by climate change. At a [HYPERLINK "https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgadebate.un.org%2Fen%2F72%2Ftuvalu&data=04%7C01%7CLamy.Kendra%40epa.gov%7Cf17532076bb8438b523408d9eb3e126a%7C88b378b367484867acf976aacbeca6a7%7C0%7C0%7C637799474093264964%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=x0SPf9BW03dX2THnbxb7wKzJNl8H6ulUOdN5K5tC9BI%3D&reserved=0" \t "\_blank" ], leaders from several Pacific islands reaffirmed their commitment to implementing the Paris Agreement and called on the international community to take urgent steps to keep warming below 1.5°C.

These nations view climate change as the single greatest threat to their populations. The urgent message from our most vulnerable nations should inspire the rest of the world to act. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights—the foundation of international human-rights law—makes clear that the rights of the citizen of a

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small island state, or a herder in a drought-affected part of Africa, rank equally with yours or mine. Yet in practice, they don't. It's a form of discrimination hardwired so deeply into our world that we are largely unaware of it.

While we in America do not face the imminent prospect of our entire homeland and culture drowning under surging seas, as many young Pasifika, or Pacific islanders, do, our country has a far bigger voice in decisions affecting the future of the environment than the people for whom this is already an existential question. Seen in this light, standing on the sidelines of global efforts is not a morally neutral position: it will negatively affect the lives of millions of people.

A nation of use only to itself is not a leading country. As Americans, we have rarely feared exercising our influence on global questions affecting the peace and security of the world as well as our own prosperity. A changing climate should be no different. In the past, America has been a country defined by vision. That still must be our greatest asset.

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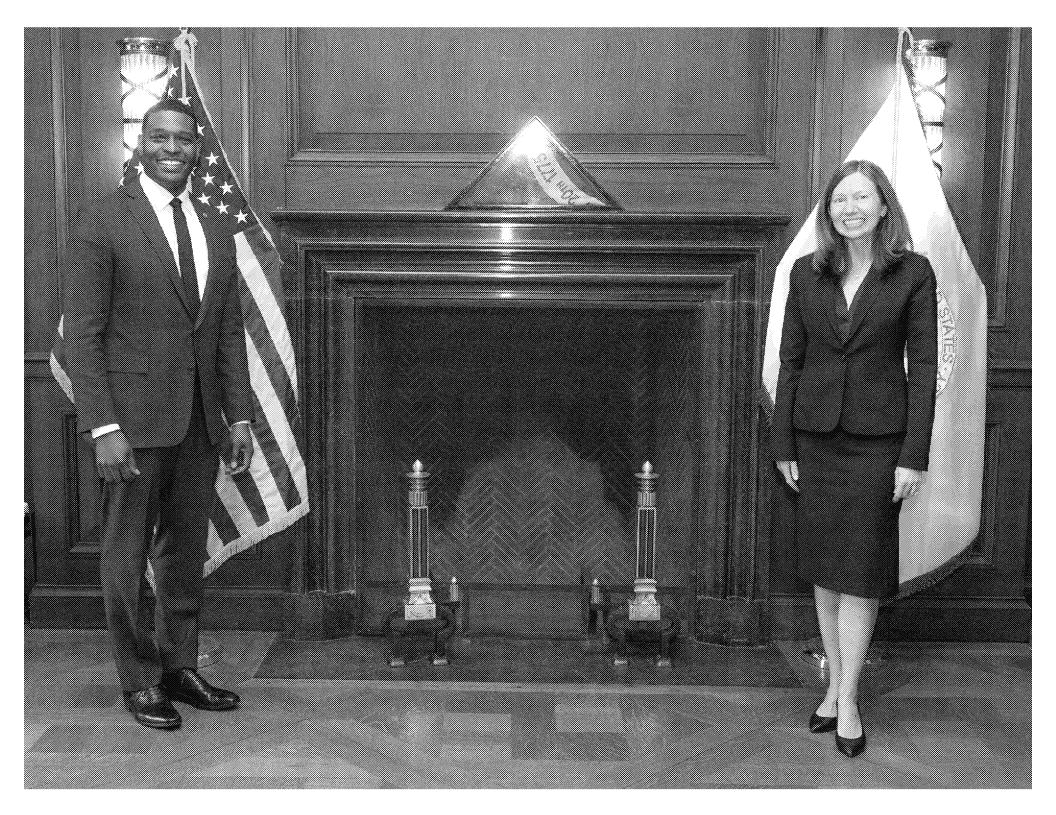
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**Sent**: 2/9/2022 8:31:42 PM

Subject: Angelina Jolie and EPA's Michael Regan

Wanted to flag Angelina Jolie and Michael Regan's meeting earlier today.

Thank you, Angelina Jolie, for stopping by to discuss environmental stressors and children's health. We know these issues are interconnected, and that's why our @EPA

team is taking a holistic approach on environmental justice to protect ALL children and ALL communities.



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To: Briskin, Jeanne [Briskin.Jeanne@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Administrator Conversation Talking Points

Yes! It is and they had a great meeting. Thank you again for your help.

Happy to chat. I have time on Friday if you have a window. Thanks again for your help

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 9, 2022, at 4:44 PM, Briskin, Jeanne <Briskin.Jeanne@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Kendra,

Just saw this post, and curious if this is the meeting we helped you staff?

We have been talking with Janet McCabe and Alethea Harney about activities beginning this April to have EPA recognize the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Executive Order 13045 on Children's Environmental Health. OPA expressed an interest in identifying a celebrity who might be a good person to engage with the administrator, so we have been quietly looking around.

Perhaps we should chat?

Thanks Jeanne

### Jeanne Briskin

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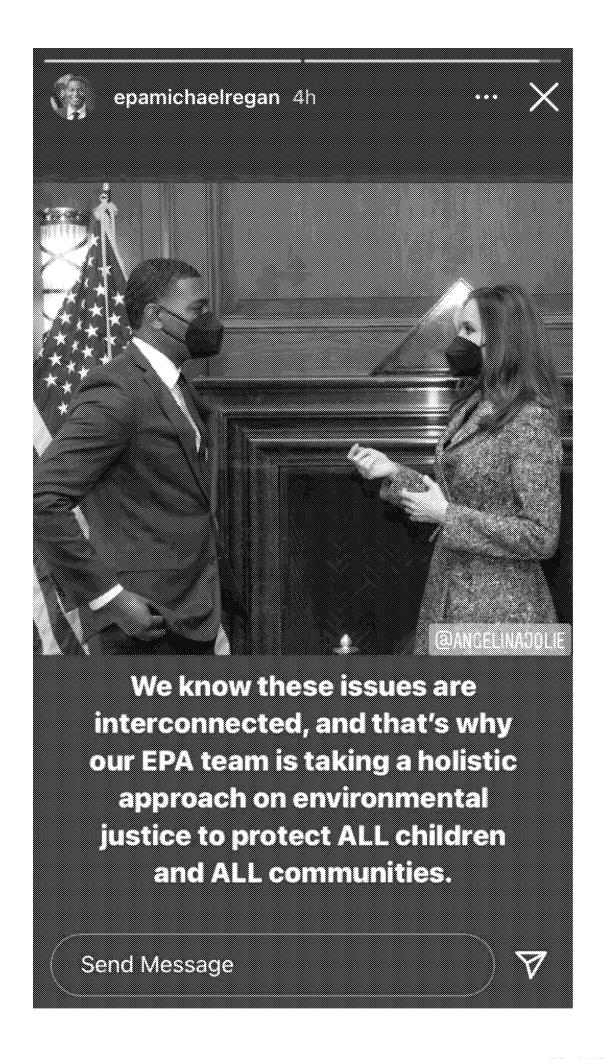
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**Sent:** Tuesday, February 8, 2022 2:09 PM **To:** Lucey, John < <u>Lucey John D@epa.gov</u>>

Cc: Lamy, Kendra <Lamy.Kendra@epa.gov>; Han, Kaythi <Han.Kaythi@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Administrator Conversation Talking Points

Hi John,

We're happy to pull together some information (bullets?) you can use for talking points. I've copied Kaythi Han, the director of our Program Implementation and Coordination Division and our communications director.

Is the administrator's conversation a one on one or before a larger audience? Is it a specifically focused audience (EJ, climate, a particular community, other?)

That will help us select key points for your consideration.

Best, Jeanne

#### Jeanne Briskin

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Subject: Administrator Conversation Talking Points

Hi Jeanne,

Hope this finds you well! I've copied my colleague here, Kendra Lamy, who serves as a Senior Advisor to the Administrator. We're pulling together a memo and talking points for a conversation the Administrator will be having tomorrow.

One of the main focuses we're hoping to flesh out for him a bit focuses on children's health, particularly how we as an agency are taking proactive steps on pollutants that can significantly affect their health or development. The first thing that comes to mind is around our efforts on lead in drinking water, but we were hopeful to work with you to flesh out a few talking points on that and anything further you can identify that fits that frame (MATs, PFAs, perhaps?).

This convo has been added a bit last minute so we are on a tight timeframe to turn around materials. Could you, or someone on your team, work with Kendra?

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Thank you Jane Rosemary is also on this chain and would love to keep in touch. Yesterday was a good day for you all. Congrats! Kendra		
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Dear Hannah, It was wonderful to meet Administrator Regan and the remarkable team today. We're grateful for the photos and look forward to continuing the conversations and work. All my best, Jane		
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John [Lucey.John.D@epa.gov]

**Subject**: RE: Meeting Memo: Angelina Jolie

Its totally something they should discuss

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If helpful, I just found a couple of articles talking about how climate change fuels violence against women.

https://www.undp.org/blog/why-climate-change-fuels-violence-against-women

https://unfccc.int/news/climate-change-increases-the-risk-of-violence-against-women

Alison L. Cassady (202) 941-6036

On Feb 9, 2022, at 7:43 AM, Lance, Kathleen < Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov > wrote:

Attached.

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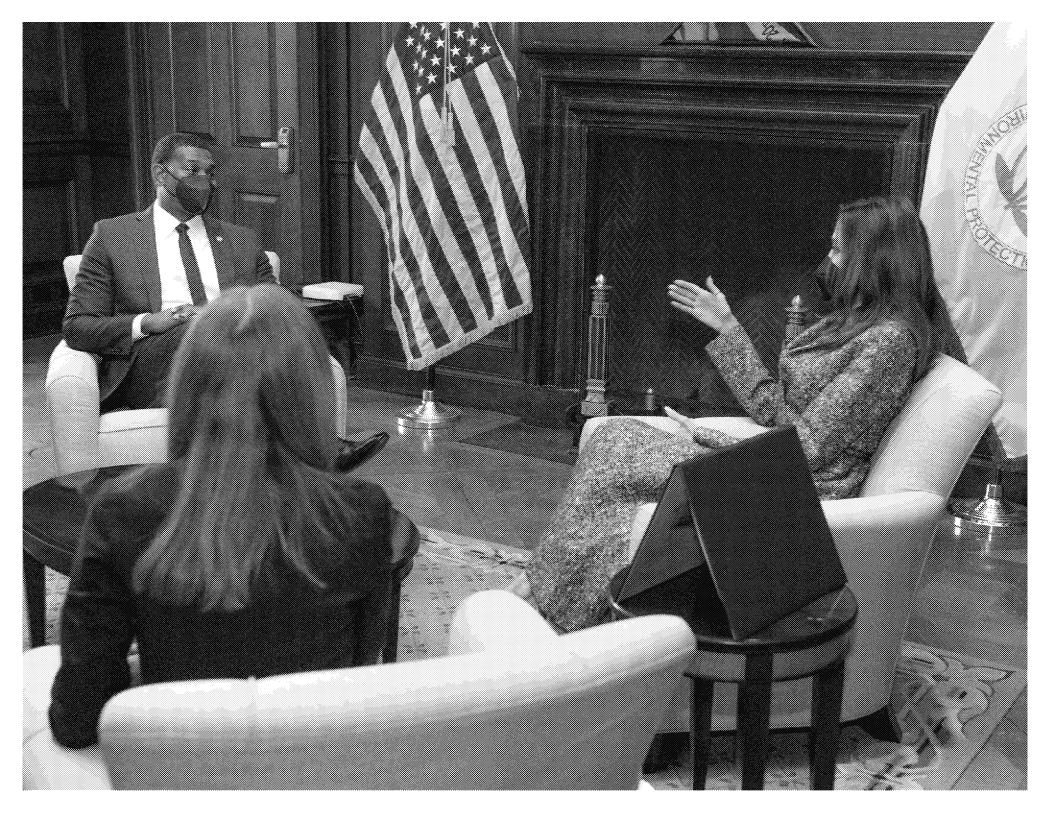
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APPROVED BY: Kendra Lamy

### **MEETING MEMO**

February 8, 2022

### MEMORANDUM FOR THE ADMINISTRATOR

FROM: Kendra Lamy; 202.202.617.5586; lamy.kendra@epa.gov

CC: Rosemary Enobakhare and Alison Cassady

**CONTACT:** 

EVENT DATE: February 9, 2022

TIME: 11:00am

SUBJECT: Meeting with Angelina Jolie, Zahara and Jane Stover

STAFFING: Kendra Lamy, Rosemary Enobakhare and Alison Cassady

### **PURPOSE OF MEETING**

The purpose of this meeting with Ms. Jolie is to discuss environmental justice and how issues like, economic stressors, environmental justice, education and health are all interconnected and can all exacerbate domestic violence. In addition, Ms. Jolie is a fierce advocate for climate change and will likely raise that there have been links to climate change and increased violence against women and girls. She is on town to join Senators to introduce the Violence Against Women's Act. She is meeting with Senator Durbin, Congresswoman Clark and Susan Rice to talk about these issues.

YOU may also use this meeting to talk about how many pesticides are harming bees and other pollinators as she recently had a photoshoot where she was covered in bees to raise awareness on the issue of the importance of pollinators.

### **BACKGROUND**

Angelina Jolie is an internationally respected humanitarian who has advocated for children's rights and voices globally for decades. She has worked on issues such as

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climate change, how climate change will worsen the effects of refugees and penned opeds pleading for action on the issue of climate change.

Her goal is to raise public awareness about the systemic failures' survivors of domestic violence and how health and education issues are all interconnected and can lead to worsening. She wants to advocate for policy changes to positively improve outcomes for families. She is also very interested in the issue of bruising detection across skin tones.

### OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Recently the actress posed for National Geographic to raise awareness for World Bee Day on May 20. She covered herself in bees for the photo. Jolie wore a white, sustainable dress designed by Gabriela Hearst while a bundle of bees swarmed her body.

The U.N. established World Bee Day to raise awareness about the extinction threat bees face around the world. Extinction rates for bees are 100 to 1,000 times higher than normal rates, according to the U.N. website.

### SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS

Top-line

- EJ issues are complex and multi-dimensional. They are rooted in historic systems of racism, classism, and oppression.
  - Environmental justice and equity are at the heart of our work to tackle climate change, to protect our air and water, and to keep the places our children learn and play safe from environmental hazard and harm.
- I have prioritized the health of children. For example, Black children in America currently face asthma rates twice as high as white children, and their development is greatly impacted by exposure to contaminants including lead in their drinking water. Lead and mercury exposure can lead to long term health and developmental effects.
- For decades, Black, Indigenous, Latino and other people of color have borne the highest burden of pollution. They live closest to highways, refineries, and toxic waste sites. They face higher rates of heart, lung disease, and now COVID-19 too. And their children are more likely to develop asthma and developmental disorders.
- I've been traveling the country to hear directly from communities affected by pollution. I've talked to moms in Jackson, Mississippi whose children have been exposed to lead in drinking water. I've talked to families in Detroit whose basement was flooded with raw sewage. I've sat on the porch with families in the deep South who have been shut out of government funding their whole lives.

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- As a father of a young son myself, it's heartbreaking to see. We all want to give our children a happy home life, the chance to chase their dreams but when so many are denied basic rights like safe drinking water or clean air to breathe it makes a hard job that much more difficult.
- During my recent Journey to Justice tour, I saw and heard firsthand the range of systemic barriers that low-income and people of color face in accessing federal infrastructure funding.

### Lead

### Health Effects:

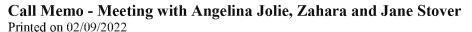
- Starting in 1973, EPA began phasing lead out of gasoline. 18-20 years later, crime among young men in New York City declined showing a relationship between lower exposures to lead and reduced behavioral issues.
- Poor families are less able to make up for the harms caused by exposure to lead, for example:
  - Parents may have to miss work to deal with problems their student experiences at school with discipline or performance
  - Parents may not be available to monitor child's homework completion or communicate and advocate for their student with teachers
  - o Parent may be less available to learn about and advocate for adequate supports to be provided by the school such as effective provision and implementation of 504 plans and Individual Educational Plans (IEPs) for children with disabilities or to step in and provide those supports independently through tutoring or therapy which may be cost-prohibitive
- COVID has contributed to reduced blood lead level screening of young children, causing more elevated blood lead cases to slip through the cracks and miss early important interventions to reduce blood lead levels, decrease lead exposure and improve children's educational and psychological development.

# Mercury

### Health effects:

• Like lead, mercury is a neurotoxin. It can harm fetal and infant brains and nervous systems, resulting in harm to IQ, thinking, memory, attention, language, fine motor skills and visual spatial skills. Metallic mercury can cause emotional

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changes like mood swings, irritability, nervousness, excessive shyness, insomnia, harm to mental functioning.

### **Asthma**

## Health Effects and Impacts

- Education/earnings
  - Children below the poverty level have more emergency department visits, missed school days and hospitalizations.
  - They tend to lag on key milestones, such as reading which can snowball to reduced overall performance in school compared to children without asthma.
  - Students who are chronically absent in preschool, kindergarten and first grade are much less likely to read at grade level by third grade, which makes them 4 times more likely to drop out of high school than proficient readers.
  - Less education leads to lower paying jobs after school is completed.
  - Parents incur lost wages to take care of sick children and medical costs for doctor's visits, medicine, and hospital visits. Poor families are less likely to be able to afford to access and pay for needed medical care.
- Asthma disproportionately affects children from lower-income families and children from various racial and ethnic groups. 10.5% of children living in poverty suffer from asthma.
- Black children with asthma die at 4 times the rate of white children
- 15.7% of black, non-Hispanic children have asthma compared to 7.1% of white non-Hispanic children (2018)
- Differences in rates of asthma between black children and white children have not been reduced despite years of attention to asthma triggers and indoor and outdoor air pollution
- Life expectancies differ by 6 to 7 years for mothers in counties and zip codes only a few miles apart (For example: 84 years Montgomery County Maryland and Fairfax County VA compared to 77 years in Washington DC)
- Discrimination and disinvestment have isolated Blacks in unhealthy neighborhoods
  - Redlining
  - Exclusionary zoning laws
  - Racially restrictive covenants
  - Increased industrial and highway construction in Black communities
- EPA Actions to Address Asthma Disparities

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- EPA is working with HHS and other federal agencies to reduce asthma disparities. This interagency group works to
- EPA is looking at reducing allowable outdoor air pollution levels, such as PM, ozone and is considering community status (EJ factors) in evaluating state implementation plans to meet the federal standards to help level the playing field
- EPA is reducing diesel emissions by offering rebates on school bus rebates to replace older highly polluting diesel school buses to improve air quality around schools and communities, reduce pollution and better protect children's overall health.

## **ADDITIONAL MATERIALS: POLLINATORS**

- Pollinator protection is a priority for EPA, as pollinator species are important providers of ecosystem services and successful food production.
- The EPA has taken an active role in multiple efforts to promote and increase pollinator protection through regulatory actions, voluntary changes to pesticide use by registrants, and research programs aimed at better understanding the factors associated with declining pollinator health.
- To ensure that EPA has a well-informed understanding of the potential factors and risks that pesticides may pose to bees, the agency has worked collaboratively with our regulatory counterparts and researchers internationally to develop a pollinator risk assessment framework that evaluates all life stages of bees across varying life stages of bees and inclusive of different levels of organization.
- One of the first actions in my tenure as Administrator was to tackle this issue head on cancelling the use of pesticides that used the chemical dicamba. Not only were uses negatively impacting the health of many farm workers, we saw significant declines of pollinator populations when this spray was used.
- Proposed mitigation efforts for pesticides include promoting voluntary stewardship efforts to encourage best practices, education, and outreach to applicators and beekeepers.
- Just in the last few years, the EPA announced and implemented a policy that all chemicals that are acutely toxic to pollinators and are labeled for use on crops that may use contract pollination services, should have applications at bloom prohibited if the application rates exceed the EPA's level of concern.
- In addition, EPA is working with the states and tribes on managed pollinator protection plans that are intended to increase communication and cooperation between stakeholders to reduce exposure of bees to pesticides.

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### **BIOGRAPHIES**



## Angelina Jolie, Actor and Activist

Angelina Jolie is a well-known award-winning actress, humanitarian and UN Goodwill Ambassador. She catapulted to fame as American supermodel, Gia Carangi, in the HBO blockbuster biographical film, 'Gia'. After her stellar performance in 'Girl, Interrupted' and the commercial blockbuster, 'Lara Croft: Tomb Raider', she devoted her time and attention towards humanitarian efforts. She travelled to war-

torn parts of Cambodia and Darfur and worked with refugees and others in need of help. Forbes Magazine voted her as one of the 'highest-paid actresses' with an estimated net worth of over \$ 120 million. She has received a lot of media attention after being voted as the 'most beautiful woman' by many magazines like 'Vogue', 'Esquire', 'Vanity Fair' and 'Hello'. She has become one of the best-known celebrities in the world today, getting immense media attention for her relationship with actor, Brad Pitt and her large family of multi-ethic children. In addition to her adopted kids, she also has three biological children with Brad Pitt. Recently she wrote and published a book with National Geographics called: Know Your Rights and Claim them. Its goal is to educate young activists.

### Jane Stoever



A faculty member at the University of California, Irvine School of Law, Professor Jane Stover has extensive experience teaching domestic violence clinics and engaging in scholarship in the areas of domestic violence law, family law, feminist legal theory, and clinical legal theory. As the Director of the Domestic Violence Clinic, Professor Stoever and her students represent abuse survivors in civil, criminal, and immigration cases and engage in community education and policy advocacy. Professor Stoever is also the Director of the Initiative to End Family Violence, which unites faculty from 20 departments at UCI and community partners in research and

clinical interventions in family violence.

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Angelina Jolie: Climate Change Is Already Displacing Millions of People. It's Our Responsibility to Help Them

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The technological sophistication of modern life masks a simple reality: we all need oxygen, water and food to survive. But the divide between those who have the resources they need to exist and those who don't only continues to grow. And with the growing specter of climate change, people who live in vulnerable regions like Oceania—the countries and territories within the southwest Pacific Ocean—face the loss of their livelihoods, homes and future.

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If unchecked, climate change and environmental degradation have the potential to exacerbate global displacement beyond anything humanity has ever experienced, with low-income countries and fragile states set to bear the brunt of the impact. According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, a [HYPERLINK "https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ipcc.ch%2Fworking-

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More than 40 million people live in Oceania. In 2018, the region—which spans Australia and the islands that make up Micronesia, Polynesia and Melanesia—had

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From my experiences meeting refugees all around the world, whenever people are displaced, their first instinct is to seek a practical local solution inside their own country. Only when that is not sustainable do they usually cross a border. And even then, they tend to remain in their region.

About 80% of all refugees—people who have fled conflict or persecution in their countries—are living in nations neighboring their nations of origin. Fewer than 1% of refugees are permanently resettled in foreign countries.

The majority of refugees I have met want to return home and resume their lives. But what if there is no longer a home to go back to? What if your home is underwater? If the island where your family and people have lived for centuries has sunk under the rising oceans? Whom do you turn to for help? What happens to your culture, your livelihood, your citizenship and your country's continued existence as a nation-state?

We are at a unique moment in history. As deserts advance, forests are felled, sea levels rise, and extreme weather events become more frequent and more destructive, we have a small window to identify the danger and work to bring order to chaos. There is a lot we can do to avert or help mitigate the worst-case scenarios: reduce emissions, and help countries adapt or prepare so people are not forced to leave their homes because of sudden disasters or slow-onset climate crises.

The United States should have a vital interest in helping to develop solutions. Our security is affected by global instability. And we have invested for generations

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in the development of poorer nations. Instead, the U.S. has declared its intention to [HYPERLINK

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And in many countries, long-standing commitments to the legal rights and protection of refugees are being called into question. Climate-change effects increasingly interact with drivers of conflict, exacerbating refugee situations in countries like Chad, Sudan and Somalia. In such situations, refugee-law frameworks may apply. But ignoring our legal responsibilities toward refugees will only deepen human suffering and heighten global displacement. The new Global Compact on Refugees, adopted this year by the U.N. General Assembly, puts forward new international arrangements for sharing responsibility for refugees.

International cooperation will also be key to preventing, mitigating and resolving climate-related displacement. Many people displaced by climate change do not qualify as refugees, but how they are treated will affect the future stability of the world.

Tuvalu has called for a U.N. resolution to create a legal framework to protect the human rights and lives of migrants displaced by climate change. At a [HYPERLINK "https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgadebate.un.org%2Fen%2F72%2Ftuvalu&data=04%7C01%7CLamy.Kendra%40epa.gov%7Cf17532076bb8438b523408d9eb3e126a%7C88b378b367484867acf976aacbeca6a7%7C0%7C0%7C637799474093264964%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=x0SPf9BW03dX2THnbxb7wKzJNl8H6ulUOdN5K5tC9BI%3D&reserved=0" \t "\_blank" ], leaders from several Pacific islands reaffirmed their commitment to implementing the Paris Agreement and called on the international community to take urgent steps to keep warming below 1.5°C.

These nations view climate change as the single greatest threat to their populations. The urgent message from our most vulnerable nations should inspire the rest of the world to act. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights—the foundation of international human-rights law—makes clear that the rights of the citizen of a

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small island state, or a herder in a drought-affected part of Africa, rank equally with yours or mine. Yet in practice, they don't. It's a form of discrimination hardwired so deeply into our world that we are largely unaware of it.

While we in America do not face the imminent prospect of our entire homeland and culture drowning under surging seas, as many young Pasifika, or Pacific islanders, do, our country has a far bigger voice in decisions affecting the future of the environment than the people for whom this is already an existential question. Seen in this light, standing on the sidelines of global efforts is not a morally neutral position: it will negatively affect the lives of millions of people.

A nation of use only to itself is not a leading country. As Americans, we have rarely feared exercising our influence on global questions affecting the peace and security of the world as well as our own prosperity. A changing climate should be no different. In the past, America has been a country defined by vision. That still must be our greatest asset.

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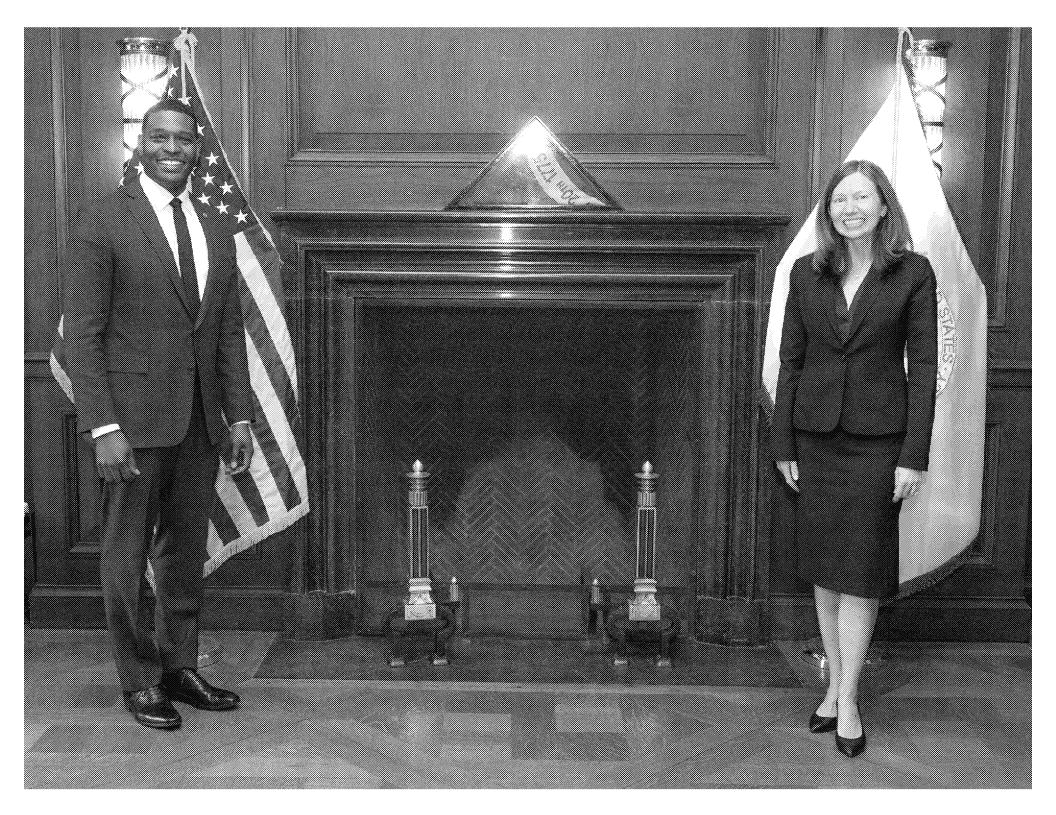
Please find attached photos from today's meeting with Administrator Regan and Angelina Jolie. The Administrator tweeted about their visit, and will also be sharing on Instagram.

Please let us know if you need anything else here. Thank you!

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Subject: Angelina Jolie and EPA's Michael Regan

Wanted to flag Angelina Jolie and Michael Regan's meeting earlier today.

Thank you, Angelina Jolie, for stopping by to discuss environmental stressors and children's health. We know these issues are interconnected, and that's why our @EPA

team is taking a holistic approach on environmental justice to protect ALL children and ALL communities.



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